



## By the Queene.

### *A Proclamation against certaine seditious and scismatical Bookes and Libelles, &c.*



**T**he Queenes most excellent Maiestie being giuen to vnderstande that there are sent fro the partes beyond the seas, sundry seditious, scismaticall, and erroneous printed Bookes and libelles, tending to the depauiing of the Ecclesiastical gouernment established within this Realme, set forth by Robert Browne and Richard Harrison, fled out of the Realme as seditious persons, fearing due punishment for their sundry offences, and remaining presently in Zealande: which seuerall bookes, doe manifestly containe in them very false, seditious, and scismatical doctrine and matter, and haue notwithstanding bene secretly solde, published, and dispersed in sundry places within this Realme, to the end to breed some scisme among her Maiesties subiectes, being persons vnlearned, and vnable to discern the errors therein contained: Her highnesse therefore perceiuing the wickednesse of these euil spirits, and the malicious disposition of lewde and euill disposed persons to be readie to violare and breake the peace of the Church, the Realme, and the quietnesse of her people, and knowing it also to be most requisite and conuenient for her highnesse to vse those meanes which God hath appointed for preuenting thereof, doeth will, and also straightly charge and commaunde that all maner of persons what so euer, who haue any of the sayde Bookes or any of like nature in his or their Custodie, that they and euery of them doe forthwith vpon the publishing hereof, bring in and deliuer by the same vnto the Ordinarie of the Diocesse, or of the place where they inhabite, to the intent they may bee burned, or vtterly defaced by the sayde Ordinary. And that from henceforth no person or persons whatsoeuer, be so hardy as to put in print or writing, sell, set forth, receiue, giue out or distribute any more of the same or such like seditious bookes or libels, as they tender her Maiesties good fauour, and wil answere for the contrary at their vttermost perils, and vpon such further paynes as the Lawe shall inflict vpon the offendours in that behalfe, as persons maintaining such seditious actions, which her Maiestie myndeth to haue seuerely executed. Giuen at her Maiesties Mannor of Greenwich the last day of June, in the five and twentieth yeere of her highnesse Reigne.

God saue the Queene.

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